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SUBJECT : PL-480 TITLE II REQUEST FROM GUINEA

REF: STATE 144785
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1. IN ABSENCE OF MINISTER OF DOMAINE OF EXCHANGES AND MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS, CHARGE INFORMED MINISTER OF EXTERNAL COMMERCE ABDOULAYE TOURE OF EMERGENCY SHIPMENT OF 2,000 TONS SORGHUM TO ARRIVE END OF AUGUST. EMPHASIZED EXCEPTIONAL CHARACTER OF SHIPMENT AND EXPLAINED THAT FUTURE EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE WILL DEPEND UPON ON-SITE INSPECTION BY U.S. OFFICIALS.

2. TOURE EXPRESSED WARM APPRECIATION OF GUINEAN GOVERNMENT FOR U.S. ASSISTANCE IN TIME OF REAL NEED. HE SAID THAT DROUGHT HAD AFFECTED 500,000 PEOPLE AND THAT 80 PERCENT OF CROPS IN KOUNDARA-SIGUIRI AREA (NEAR BORDER WITH MALI) LOST LAST YEAR AND AUTHORITIES ANTICIPATING 90 PERCENT LOSS THIS
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YEAR. THUS NEED IS REAL AND BY WAY OF A HINT TOURE ADDED WHAT

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CAN BE SEEN FROM GUINEA CAN ALSO BE AFFIRMED FROM ACROSS
BORDER IN MALI.

3. HENCE GUINEA IS MOST ANXIOUS TO RECEIVE ADDITIONAL AID
UNDER TITLE II AND IS EAGERLY WAITING TO HEAR WHAT ADDITIONAL
AID U.S. CAN SEND. U.S. TECHNICIAN MOST WELCOME TO COME
TO CONAKRY AND DISCUSS DROUGHT SITUATION WITH RESPONSIBLE
OFFICIALS. ON-SITE INSPECTION, TOURE SAID, IS OUT OF THE
QUESTION AND CONTINUED INSISTENCE ON IT IS A DISSERVICE TO
GOOD RELATIONS BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES. IN VERY FRIENDLY
AND UNMISTAKABLE TERMS TOURE STRONGLY ADVISED U.S. FOREGO
ON-SITE INSPECTION REQUIREMENT BECAUSE: (A) IT IS A GRAVE
OFFENSE AGAINST GUINEAN DIGNITY AND GUINEANS HAVE ALREADY
SWALLOWED THEIR PRIDE BY ASKING FOR EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE
WHICH TESTIFIES TO THE SERIOUS NATURE OF THE DROUGHT;
(B) REQUIREMENT FOR ON-SITE INSPECTION WOULD BE DOUBTING
PRESIDENT TOURE AND THAT CANNOT BE DONE IN GUINEA. PRESI-
DENT TOURE HAD DISCUSSED PROPOSED VISIT WITH CABINET AND,
SAID MINISTER, HAD SENT A PRIVATE MESSAGE TO ASSISTANT SECRETARY
NEWSOM ASKING HIM TO WAIVE THIS REQUIREMENT. AS FURTHER
ILLUSTRATION OF HOW SENSITIVE GUINEANS ARE ON THIS
ABDOULAYE TOURE CITED EXAMPLE OF GUINEAN REFUSAL OF UN AID
AFTER NOVEMBER 1970 INVASION BECAUSE UN INSISTED ON SENDING
OFFICIALS TO MAKE ON-SITE INVESTIGATION.

4. COMMENT AND RECOMMENDATION: BELIEVE ABDOULAYE TOURE
ACTING BOTH AS SPOKESMAN FOR PRESIDENT'S VIEWS AND AS ONE
WHO APPRECIATES AND VALUES HIGHLY GOOD RELATIONS BETWEEN
GUINEA AND U.S. OVERALL INTERESTS HERE WOULD SEEM TO BE
BEST SERVED BY ACCEPTING COMPROMISE OFFERED BY HIM, SENDING
RFFPO TO DISCUSS SITUATION WITH OFFICIALS IN CONAKRY AND
DROPPING REQUIREMENT FOR ON-SITE INSPECTION. RFFPO COULD
THEN MAKE HIS RECOMMENDATIONS CONCERNING ADDITIONAL AID
WHICH GUINEANS CONTINUE TO INSIST IS SO BADLY NEEDED.
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